



POULTRY NOTES

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CORRESPONDENCE SOLICITED

INCUBATOR CHAT.

A poor incubator is a temper tester. It beats a baby for keeping a man up nights. Say your prayers often if you've bought a bargain.

The hot air machine warms up sooner and fluctuates less than the warm water incubator. Same with brooders. Then there's no water tank to fill, melt when forgotten nor leak.

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thing under the sun." That means pullets. Leghorns hatched before April molt before December and don't lay winter eggs at all.

THE SIMPLE LIFE.

The simple life I love to sing Because it's musical With bleating lambs and mooing cows And barnyard jing-a-ling.

We wear a bright red sunbonnet And loosely fitting prints; We never dress for minuets Nor put on beauty tints.

We have our cow and chickens, too. A hog, a mule, a churn; We never could return to you In city heat to burn.

We've done for aye with city strife. Give us our hogs and chickens. We're badly stuck on simple life; For fun it beats the dickens.

C. M. B.

THE WYANDOTTES.

This breed was at first commonly called "American Sebrights," which was changed to "Wyandotte" after the Indians of that name. Historians have failed to trace the time and circumstances of its origin, but all claim it to be an American bird with Dark Brahma and Hamburg blood in its veins.

STANDARD WEIGHTS.

Cock 8 1/2 lbs. Hen 6 1/2 lbs. Cockerel 7 1/2 lbs. Pullet 5 1/2 lbs.

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IDEAL HEAD FOR BREEDERS. (White Wyandotte from life.)

What a proud pedigreed prince! Then think of the big brown eggs from his harem and the fluffy, bright eyed chicks, instructed in wormology and scratching stunts by his snow white cackling queens! Then smack your lips as you smell the savory odor of a basted Wyandotte! Round, yellow, velvety, smooth as silk, it is the unsurpassed epicurean bird. In dining on Dottes hold yourself in check at least till the blessing is asked. In breeding avoid single combs, or hybrids, by using broad combed males.

FEATHERS AND EGGSHELLS.

Cleanliness is the keyhole to success in the poultry business, but some chicken raisers, like the man late home from lodge, can't find it.

"Money makes the mare go," but it doesn't always make the hen lay. The millionaires going into the business don't always strike Standard oil.

If you knew it all, you would be drinking government cream on an experiment station, while your typewriter would be working overtime on chicken reports from the cyclopeda.

Continual feeding of one kind of grain often brings indigestion, loss of appetite and bowel troubles. If this is your feeding method and you are making a profit you deserve a monument.

The farmers are buying bone cutters, and the butchers have such a rush for bones that they are always engaged. Once more the American hen registers by knocking out Mr. Rags Bones and Gum Boots.

Have you reached the broiler stage? Don't jump from the frying pan into the broiler. Raising cockerels in zero weather to sell at Alaska prices isn't what it's cracked up to be. Beware of a broiler explosion!

Now that the hatching season is here get out your signs of the zodiac so you get your hen set in the right sign. Better look for signs of lice and set your hens right and give them better attention. You'll get more chicks.

It has often been asked why the New York poultrymen keep mostly White Leghorns. Simply because the New York epicureans demand large white eggs. Bostonians possess a predilection for brown eggs. Why? Oh, Browning, of course!

As the chicks dry off under the hen remove them in a soft lined basket to a chair beside the kitchen stove. Have a soft wooden cloth hanging down in the basket to warm their backs, but arrange so they cannot get on top of the cloth, as they may smother each other. By this plan the old hen cannot trample them in the nest.

When spring is in full bloom you may expect to hear that the American hen has invaded Panama. We are told that the chickens on the Isthmus are a sorry set. When a newly wedded couple, bound for the big ditch, found eggs were 10 cents apiece they simply sent an order north for an incubator and 100 Rock eggs. Good luck!

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L. M. Barnitz

LEARNING TO SWIM.

The Fat Man Who Was a Model of Patience and Perseverance.

Persistence in undertaking is a laudable virtue, but it can be a bit overdone sometimes, as in a case described by Y. L. Molloy in "Our Autumn Holiday on French Rivers." Mr. Molloy and his friends, longing for a good dive, went to a swimming school on an island in the Seine. They donned their rented costumes and were preparing for the plunge when a man with ropes came along and insisted on tying them about their waists. It was according to police regulations, and, although they made an indignant protest, they were obliged to submit.

While we were dressing, says Mr. Molloy, we asked the two swimming masters for an extra towel.

"Pardon," they replied, "we must attend to our moustier."

Then we saw that there had come upon the platform a short and absurdly fat man dressed in bathing costume, swimming sandals and oiled cap.

"Let's see him go in," said we. "What a splash he'll make!"

The swimming masters received the new arrival at the middle of the platform. There he balanced himself on his stomach on a wooden stump two feet high. The masters seized him by his hands and feet and with slow and deliberate movements made him strike out with the action of swimming. They kept this up for a quarter of an hour, and the perspiration rolled off him in great drops.

"He'll be awfully hot to go into the water after that," said I.

But he did not go into the water. The swimming lesson over, he moved toward the dressing room, saying: "I have done better today."

"Ah, yes," answered one of the masters. "Your progress is admirable." The fat man beamed with complaisance and went in to dress.

I called the swimming masters aside. "Does 'our moustier' practice often like that? He must have great perseverance."

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